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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL AUCKLAND IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL FUKUOKA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY  
CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI PRIORITY  
USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI PRIORITY  
CHJUSMAG SEOUL KS PRIORITY  
COMUSKOREA SEOUL KS//CC/BJ/CJ/EJ/PAJ/SJS// PRIORITY  
SACINCUNC KS PRIORITY  
USCINCUNC SEOUL KS PRIORITY  
SECDEF WASHDC//USDP PRIORITY  
JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY  
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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 15 PRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE EAP REGION

ALL POSTS -- ALSO FOR USIS  
SECDEF -- ALSO FOR OASD/PA  
USCINCPAC FOR FPA TEARE  
USVIENNA FOR UNVIE  
PARIS FOR ZEYA  
BEIJING -- PASS CHENGDU  
BEIJING -- ALSO PASS TO A/S WINSTON LORD  
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2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON  
10/15/96. AT THAT DAY'S PRESS BRIEFING, SPOKESMAN  
NICHOLAS USED THE ANSWERS IN PARA 3, THE FIRST ANSWER IN

PARA 4, AND HE PARAPHRASED THE SECOND ANSWER IN PARA 5. POSTS MAY DRAW FROM THE REMAINDER ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

3. LORD TRAVEL TO CHINA AND JAPAN

Q. CAN YOU PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS WINSTON LORD'S TRAVEL?

A. AMBASSADOR LORD INDICATED DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS TRIP TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON OCTOBER 12 THAT HE DECIDED THAT WHILE IN THE REGION HE WOULD ALSO VISIT CHINA AND JAPAN. HE SAID HE WOULD TALK ABOUT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN KOREA AS WELL AS OTHER REGIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ISSUES.

-- AMBASSADOR LORD IS CURRENTLY IN CHINA AND WILL BE IN JAPAN OCTOBER 17-18.

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Q. WILL AMBASSADOR LORD RAISE U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT THE RECENT CHINESE CRACKDOWN ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND POLITICAL DISSIDENTS?

A. IN CHINA, WE EXPECT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LORD WILL DISCUSS A FULL RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING HIS JUST COMPLETED VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA, THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING TRIP IN NOVEMBER, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING OUR CONCERNS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. CHINA: DISSIDENT WANG XIZHE SEEKING U.S. ASYLUM?

Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT CHINESE DISSIDENT WANG XIZHE FLED TO HONG KONG AND IS SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE U.S.? IS THE USG HELPING HIM? WILL WE GIVE HIM ASYLUM? HOW IS HE COMING TO THE U.S.? DOES HE HAVE A VISA? WHAT KIND?

A. I AM NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF MR. WANG'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES EXCEPT TO SAY THAT MR. WANG HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES UNDER A PUBLIC INTEREST PAROLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 212(D)(5) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

- THIS SECTION OF THE ACT GIVES BROAD AUTHORITY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PERMIT A PERSON TO ENTER THE UNITED STATE TEMPORARILY FOR EMERGENCY REASONS OR IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

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Q. HAS WANG ASKED FOR ASYLUM?

A. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE DO NOT DISCUSS ASYLUM CASES.

5. CHINA: DISSIDENTS/WANG DAN, LIU XIABO

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER REACTION TO THE REPORTED DECISION TO TRY CHINESE DISSIDENT WANG DAN?

A. WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORTS THAT WANG DAN TOLD HIS MOTHER, ON HER FIRST VISIT SINCE HE WAS DETAINED NEARLY 17 MONTHS AGO, THAT THE SEDITION CHARGES AGAINST HIM ARE GROUNDLESS.

Q. WHAT IS THE USG REACTION TO CHINA'S ARREST OF DISSIDENTS, SUCH AS WANG DAN AND LIU XIAOBO?

A. THE USG BELIEVES THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PERMIT PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL OPINIONS, AND SHOULD RESPECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE FREEDOMS ARE GUARANTEED IN CHINA UNDER THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHINA'S OWN CONSTITUTION.

-- THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SHOULD RELEASE ALL PERSONS HELD FOR EXERCISING THESE BASIC RIGHTS. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LATEST EVENTS. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY CONVEYED OUR CONCERNS IN HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY'S 9/25 MEETING

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WITH VICE PREMIER QIAN QICHEN.

Q. IS SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S TRIP TO CHINA STILL ON?  
WILL THE SECRETARY'S DELEGATION BE STRUCTURED TO SHOW  
THAT CONCERN FOR FREEDOM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF U.S.  
POLICY TOWARD CHINA?

A. YES, PLANNING FOR SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S TRIP TO  
CHINA NEXT MONTH CONTINUES. THE SECRETARY HAS  
RAISED HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS IN ALL OF HIS  
NUMEROUS PRIOR MEETINGS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS,  
AND HE WILL RAISE OUR CONCERNS AGAIN DURING THE  
NEXT MEETING.

Q. SHOULD THE U.S. LINK HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS TO CHINESE  
PROGRESS OR LACK OF PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

A. THE USG BELIEVES THAT HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE IS AN  
IMPORTANT MEANS TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS AND MAKE  
PROGRESS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES. WE WILL CONTINUE  
TO PRESS OUR CONCERNS HUMAN RIGHTS WITH TOP LEVELS  
OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP.

6. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES, ALSO PREPARED ON  
10/15/96, WERE NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POSTS MAY DRAW  
FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

7. NORTH KOREA: AMERICAN CITIZEN ARREST

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF THE  
ARRESTED AMERICAN CITIZEN IN NORTH KOREA?  
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A. ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11-12, THE SWEDISH  
DIPLOMAT WHO REPRESENTS U.S. CONSULAR INTERESTS IN  
NORTH KOREA VISITED THE DETAINED INDIVIDUAL. WE  
CAN NOW IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL AS EVAN CARL  
HUNZIKER. HE HAS SIGNED A FULL PRIVACY ACT WAIVER.

-- MR. HUNZIKER REMAINS UNDER DETENTION IN A HOTEL IN  
SHINUJU, ABOUT 250 KILOMETERS FROM PYONGYANG.  
THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT MR. HUNZIKER IS

IN GOOD HEALTH AND IN REASONABLY GOOD SPIRITS  
CONSIDERING HIS CIRCUMSTANCES. MR. HUNZIKER DOES  
NOT CLAIM MISTREATMENT BY THE DPRK.

- MR. HUNZIKER HAS TOLD THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT THAT HE  
WISHES TO BE RELEASED AND RETURNED TO THE UNITED  
STATES.

Q. HAS MR. HUNZIKER CONFESSED TO ESPIONAGE AGAINST NORTH  
KOREA?

- A. MR. HUNZIKER ABSOLUTELY DENIES THE CHARGES THAT  
THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE MADE AGAINST HIM. HE  
REPORTS THAT HE NEVER MADE A CONFESSION THAT HE  
WAS INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE. HE ONLY SIGNED A  
GENERAL STATEMENT ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND AND HOW HE  
CAME TO NORTH KOREA.
- WE BELIEVE THAT THE CHARGES THAT HE IS INVOLVED IN  
ESPIONAGE ARE LUDICROUS.

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Q. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS ON THIS CASE FOR THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT?

- A. THROUGH OUR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTH  
KOREA, WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT MR.  
HUNZIKER CONTINUES TO BE TREATED HUMANELY AND THAT  
HE RECEIVES ALL OF HIS RIGHTS, INCLUDING LEGAL  
REPRESENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS, UNDER THE  
VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS AND THE  
US-DPRK INTERIM CONSULAR UNDERSTANDING OF DECEMBER  
1994.
- WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO RAISE MR. HUNZIKER'S CASE  
IN CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE DPRK MISSION TO  
THE UN.
- WE REMAIN DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF MR.  
HUNZIKER AND CALL ON DPRK OFFICIALS TO RELEASE HIM  
IMMEDIATELY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

8. NEW ZEALAND: ELECTION RESULTS

Q. WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT ON THE OCTOBER 12

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN NEW ZEALAND?

- A. WHILE THE RESULTS WILL NOT BE FINAL UNTIL A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF "SPECIAL" ABSENTEE AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT VOTES ARE COUNTED LATER THIS MONTH, IT APPEARS THAT NO SINGLE PARTY HAS GAINED ENOUGH VOTES TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN RIGHT. THIS MEANS NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST ELECTION
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UNDER THE NEW MIXED MEMBER PROPORTIONAL (MMP) SYSTEM WILL PRODUCE A COALITION OR MINORITY GOVERNMENT.

- EITHER THE GOVERNING NATIONAL PARTY (WITH ABOUT 34 PERCENT OF THE VOTES) OR THE OPPOSITION LABOUR PARTY (WITH ABOUT 28 PERCENT) COULD BE IN A POSITION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH THE COOPERATION OF OTHER PARTIES. THE U.S. ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND, WHICH WE EXPECT WOULD CONTINUE UNDER ANY NEW GOVERNMENT.

CHRISTOPHER

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